

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Willis Tucker Park

6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish Washington

Tuesday January 10, 2017 3:00pm - 4:30pm

10. Call to Order

20. Roll Call

20.1. Voting Board Members – * denotes two (2) participating in their final meeting

John Briney (District 3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Langabeer (District 2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Catherine Collins (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Marzolf (At Large) *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Debbie Copple (At Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob McCarty (District 5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Molly Deardorff (At Large) (Chair) *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Darrell Olson (At Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
David Divoky (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Putnam (District 1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Ewald (At Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Yandl (District 4) (Notes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brett Kinney (At Large)	<input type="checkbox"/>		

20.2. Staff (Parks and other County Departments or agencies) -

Russ Bosanko, Tom Teigen, Presentations from; Amy Lucas, David McConnell, Thomas Hartzell, Sharon Swan, Kevin Teague.

20.3. Guests –

30. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from December 2016 were unanimously approved.

40. Public Hearings/Meetings

50. Oral Requests from the Audience/Correspondence

60. General Business

60.1. This was the final meeting for Molly Deardorff and Melissa Marzolf.

60.2. Discussion followed by votes to select new chairperson, vice-chair, and note taker.

60.2.1. Rob Putnam was selected as the new chairman.

60.2.2. John Briney was selected as the new vice chairman.

60.2.3. Steve Yandl and Julie Langabeer were selected to share duties as note taker.

60.3. Fall RFP (request for proposals) review – Melissa Marzolf and Dave Divoky (Dave by conference call) joined with Parks staff prior to this meeting (2pm) to evaluate proposals submitted. There had been inadequate time to complete all proposals so several were to be reviewed following completion of the advisory board meeting. The proposals being evaluated are listed below. Russ Bosanko provided brief comments on those already reviewed.

60.3.1. Fly Fishing Museum – Whitehorse Trail – Miller Shingle.

60.3.2. Northshore Youth Soccer Association – Building at Carousel Horse Community Park.

60.3.3. Greater Seattle Surf – Building at Carousel Horse Community Park.

60.3.4. Friends of Lord Hill Park – Equestrian trail improvements.

60.3.5. St. John's Creamery – Incubator Farm – Goats, sheep, business accounting – Whitehorse Trail – Trafton – Cloverdale.

60.3.6. The Goody Cupboard – Concession Sales – Live Skills Program – Wenberg County Park.

60.3.7. YMCA of Snohomish County, Mill Creek branch – Willis Tucker Park large grass field use request.

60.4. Molly Deardorff shared her dismay over the fact that new board member Catherine Collins has missed a high percentage of meetings scheduled since her appointment. After discussion, the consensus was that Parks staff should reach out to Ms. Collins to see if the situation could be remedied before any more drastic action would be considered. Further discussion tabled until February meeting.

70. Reports from the Staff/Status Reports

70.1. Planning/Engineering/Design/Construction Projects

70.1.1. Whitehorse Trail Update – Amy Lucas

70.1.1.1. There remains about 9.5 miles of resurfacing to be completed. Need to decide whether to do piecemeal repair or get a larger bid for roughly 21 miles of resurfacing, including most urgent need.

70.1.1.2. Received WSDOT and County Risk Management buy off on 'at grade crossing' which is a huge savings from having to go over or under Highway 530.

70.1.1.3. Bridges #710 and #712 still need to be completed.

70.1.1.4. Upcoming equestrian event, 'Ride to Remember Oso' to be held March 19. Focus on clearing, striping and lining the parking lot at Fortson Mill in support of this event.

70.1.2. America's Best Cities (ABC) – Town of Darrington and City of Arlington – Parks Role – Amy Lucas.

70.1.2.1. Semifinalists in contest sponsored by Frontier Communications.

70.1.2.2. Significant monetary prizes for semi-finalists, even larger for winner.

70.1.3. Lord Hill Park – Planning Process and current Preferred Plan – Amy Lucas

70.1.3.1. Shared improved trail maps showing 21 miles of actual trail vs. the roughly 6 miles currently documented.

70.1.3.2. Two alternative plans integrating equestrian, hiking and mountain biking so all three uses can share the resources harmoniously.

70.1.3.3. Discussed programmatic permitting.

70.1.3.4. Discussed proposal for sustainable foresting program that applies to other parks forest land beside Lord Hill Park. More specific information on Paradise Valley Conservation area also provided.

70.1.4. Centennial and Interurban Trail repair – David McConnell

70.1.4.1. Discussed different types of cracking in asphalt paved trails and approach to repairs.

70.1.4.2. Shared photos and had discussion on damage from vegetation encroachment, in particular, roots from trees. Repairs incorporating root barriers were discussed.

70.1.4.3. Bridge repairs shown.

70.1.4.4. Bollard repairs and upgrades discussed.

70.1.5. Sundquist Property (near Meadowdale – aka Sundquist Family Nature Park) – Thomas Hartzell

70.1.5.1. Several acres donated by Sundquist family.

70.1.5.2. Currently minimal development but land has great potential as an open space neighborhood park.

70.1.6. Martha Lake park – Thomas Hartzell

70.1.6.1. – Portion investigated as possible off leash dog area appears too wet for that use.

70.1.7. Conservation Futures and Park Mitigation code changes – Sharon Swan

70.1.7.1. Discussed new level of service standards for parks.

70.1.7.2. Shared changes to code and new impact fee schedule. Now collecting a regional fee instead of simply a local fee.

70.1.7.3. Instead of being restricted to the creation of new parks, now fees can be applied to creation of new amenities at an established park.

70.1.8. Kayak Point – Sharon Swan

70.1.8.1. Upcoming meeting, seeking someone from our board to participate since Melissa Marzolf who had volunteered earlier is departing our board. – Rob Putnam said he would attend and represent our board.

70.1.9. Steelhead Park – Kevin Teague

70.1.9.1. Many of the patchwork of parcels (about 10% of the total area) were either acquired through FEMA or roads mitigation, both of which result in significant restrictions on any use of those parcels.

70.1.9.2. While restrictions make development of disc golf at this location very challenging, applicant is still enthused about moving forward. Issues related to flood plain and river flow are key.

70.2. Park Director's Time (Tom Teigen with help from Russ Bosanko).

70.2.1. Tom presented Molly Deardorff and Melissa Marzolf with commemorative glass plaque awards in recognition of and appreciation for their service and long tenures on the Parks Advisory board.

70.2.2. Russ Bosanko distributed the most current Parks organization chart.

70.2.3. Spoke about arts commission and historic preservation being brought under Parks & Rec umbrella.

70.2.4. It appears Tourism might be integrated under Parks and Recreation department title.

70.2.5. There is a chance WSU extension services might be returned to Parks oversight from Human Services where they've most recently resided.

80. Messages from the Board. Around the Table

80.1. John Briney

80.1.1. John noticed a new bench had been installed at Esperance Park.

80.2. Catherine Collins

80.3. Debbie Copple

80.3.1. Briefly shared a new rural marketing plan.

80.3.2. Update on Sky to Sound trail map.

80.3.3. Planned June 2017 meeting with landscape architects in Sultan.

80.3.4. Startup Event Center – Invited any of us who wanted to visit to observe the progress made.

80.3.5. Shared info on monthly meetings of the Sky Valley Recreation group.

80.3.5.1. Very pleased on the group's contribution toward recently passed federal legislation that has Department of Commerce counting the value of outdoor recreation as an economic driver.

80.4. Molly Deardorff

80.4.1. Went to Sultan Thanksgiving.

80.4.2. Visited Esperance Park.

80.4.3. Participated in New Year polar plunge.

80.5. David Divoky

80.6. Tammy Dunn

80.7. John Ewald

80.7.1. John was excited over synergies possible with the potential agency integration divulged by Tom Teigen.

80.8. Brett Kinney

80.9. Julie Langabeer

80.9.1. Julie missed the last meeting due to recent orthopedic surgery but is now walking more. Discussed the challenges of navigating ice covered walks while still needing a cane.

80.10. Melissa Marzolf

80.10.1. Melissa shared that she enjoyed her 7 ½ year tenure on the Parks Advisory board.

80.11. Bob McCarty

80.12. Darrell Olson

80.12.1. Visited Narbeck Park and Tambark Creek Park. He was impressed by the enthused use of these parks by the community at the times he visited.

80.13. Robert Putnam

80.14. Steve Yandl

80.14.1. Shared with Tom Teigen a willingness to put together a meeting with the Gold Creek community adjacent to Willis Tucker Park if an opportunity to acquire quality ball field lighting from Mill Creek Little League appears imminent and likely.

90. Adjournment

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